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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHARTOUM EIGHT

REF: STATE 259370

1. CAIRO 9497 SENT AFTER HAGUES 5701 AND GAVE FAHMY ASSURANCES KHARTOUM EIGHT NOT RPT NOT BEING RELEASED. NEVERTHELESS, IN LIGHT REFTTEL, I AGAIN CALLED FAHMY 2130 GMT TO INDICATE WE NEEDED HIS APPROVAL TO RESPOND TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRES TODAY THAT KHARTOUM EIGHT HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED AND WILL NOT BE SO.

2. FAHMY'S FIRST REACTION WAS PREDICTABLE. HE SAID USG SHOULD BELIEVE GOE WHEN IT GIVES ASSURANCES THAT KHARTOUM EIGHT HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED. HE HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO DEPT SO INDICATING TO THE CONGRESS, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE CONGRESS WOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF INTENSE PRESSURE GOE HAS RESISTED.

3. RE CURRENT SITUATION IN TUNIS, FAHMY SAID THAT THE FOUR (OR PERHAPS THREE) HIJACKERS NOW HAVE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT THE ROME FIVE
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AND THE TWO DUTCH-RELEASED PALESTINIANS. THE ROME FIVE HAVE DECLARED

THEIR ALLIGIANCE TO THE PLO AND HAVE DENOUNCED THE HIJACKERS ACT.

THEREUPON THE FOUR (THREE-?) HIJACKERS ASKED THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ASYLUM AND COMPLETE IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

TUSISIAN GOVERNMENT DECLINED. AS A RESULT, THE HIJACKERS ARE NOW THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE AIRCRAFT WITH THE ROME FIVE AND THE TWO HOLLANDAIS ABOARD. THE SEVEN PALESTINIANS HAVE IN EFFECT BECOME THE HOSTAGES OF THE HIJACKERS*

4. FAHMY SAID GOE HAS INDICATED THAT SHOULD TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT GRANT ASYLUM TO THE FOUR HIJACKERS, GOE IS PREPARED TO TAKE BACK THE ROME FIVE AND RETURN THEM TO PRISION HERE IF THEY WISH TO COME BACK TO EGYPT.

5. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, THE PLO LEADERSHIP HAS DENOUNCED THE HIJACKERS ACTION AND HAS ACCUSED IRAQ AND ABU NIDAL OF RESPONSIBILITY.

FAHMY CLAIMED PLO DENUNCIATION RESULTS FORM GOE'S STRONG STAND AGAINST THE HIJACKING
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